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During "called" Coffee County BOE meeting

Ingram recommended for superintendent's job

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education voted Tuesday evening, July 10, during a "called" board meeting to offer the position of Superintendent of the Coffee County School System to Dr. Linda Ingram.

"We interviewed five great candidates yesterday (Monday, June 9)," board member Gene Barksdale said before recommending Ingram for the job. "After receiving a second from board member Robin McKinnon, the board passed Barksdale's motion with all board members voting in favor. Ingram currently works with

the Coffee County School System as an administrative assistant at the board of education office."

Now in her eighth year with the school system, she served as principal of Zion Chapel High School for four years before moving to the central office.

"I am very pleased with the board's recommendation," said Ingram. "Working with the Coffee County School System has been the best personal and professional experience in my life."

Now that the board has recommended Ingram for the job of superintendent, she will be offered the position and board chairman Charles Walker and vice chairman Danny Jernigan will work to negotiate a contract with her.

"A lot of people don't realize how lucky we are," said Ingram. "I believe Coffee County is the best kept secret we have."

The board will announce at a later date whether or not Ingram accepted the position.



Dr. Linda Ingram

Elba Council approves removal of crooked bridge

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council passed three resolutions in quick succession Monday evening, then paid their monthly bills and dismissed.

The first resolution approved at the request of the Alabama Department of Transportation was the previously announced removal of the WhiteWater Creek bridge (the crooked bridge). This will be done in conjunction with the levee work planned by the Corps of Engineers.

The highway department officially abandoned the bridge about 15 years ago, but continued to unofficially maintain it for the City of Elba. Engineers have repeatedly noted major repairs that are needed on the structure and the fact the bridge doesn't meet engineering standards of

today. This removal will eliminate these continuing problems and clear the way for the levee upgrade project.

The second resolution is also dealing with the levee project. It authorizes the condemnation of any property needed for the levee rehab project in which the property owner and the appraisers don't agree on the value of the needed property. City Attorney Jeff Kelley explained that this was the levee work that proceeded while the courts decide the correct compensation for the disputed property.

The third resolution authorizes the city to repurchase a parcel of land in the Industrial Park sold in 1998 to Couch Concrete. Mayor James Grimes said the company has been sold and the new owners don't plan to construct the Elba

plant. Elba will pay \$7,500 for the parcel, exactly what it received in 1998.

Monthly bills totaling \$20,869.32 were approved for payment. They included \$1,350 for quarterly payment for the NCIC computer in the police department; \$4,960.09 for vehicle repair; \$3,237.07 for sewer supplies; and \$9,011.00 for annual maintenance contract on city hall copy machine.

Mayor James Grimes reported he and the city attorney had revised the EMS contract in relationship to the use of a city owned emergency vehicle.

Grimes also urged council members to attend a review at city hall on July 11th at 3:30 in the proposed Broad Band Study (fiber optic) for the City of Elba.

Commission hears plans for Camp Humming Hills

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During their regular bi-monthly meeting, Coffee County Commissioners received an update Monday morning, July 9, on the current situation and future plans for the Girl Scouts Camp at Humming Hills in Elba.

Barbara Gilewicz, executive director of the Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama, addressed the commissioners concerning future plans for Camp Humming Hills. Gilewicz told commissioners that a feasibility plan is currently being conducted to determine if now is the right time to start a \$1.2 million capital campaign which would allow the Humming Hills Camp to become fully staffed.

Gilewicz said Camp Humming Hills was acquired by the Girl Scouts in the 1970s and is a 267 acre girl scout camp which serves approximately 6,000 girl scouts in the Wiregrass area.

"Girls have a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors at this camp," said Gilewicz. "She said the two ponds at Camp Humming Hills are a great focus on environmental education."

Gilewicz said the capital campaign will help the Girl Scouts improve the facilities at Camp Humming Hills and make it more attractive to not only the girl scouts but other non-profit programs.

She said the capital campaign will be a first ever venture for the Girl Scouts in that they have always been self-funded, but the master plan is simply to improve the facility and continue with the organizations goal of growth with diversity among its participants.

"Girl scouting is for every girl every where," Gilewicz said. Gilewicz also made commissioners aware of a pond pipe

which began leaking recently. She said the organization hopes to have the dam repaired and pipe replaced within a week or two as a local company is doing the work.

While on the subject of Camp Humming Hills, Commissioner Linda Westbrock made mention that the Girl Scouts have been trying to get water from the City of Elba to the camp site. Westbrock said the commission is working with the Girl Scouts to make this project a reality.

Charles Lott addressed the commission concerning land at the county's industrial site across from the landfill for the livestock sale barn.

"We will need 10-15 acres of land to locate the sale barn on when the 4-laning of Hwy. 84 takes it over," said Lott. "We are interested in locating in your industrial park."

Lott said that wouldn't matter to them as long as they got a good site with good access that was well-drained and had the availability for a lot of vehicles to park.

No action was taken in this matter. Commissioner Bernest Brooks spoke of the success of the Coffee County Farmer's Market and Senior Citizens Nutrition program this year.

The Senior Citizens Nutrition program was a pilot program this year with Coffee and Houston counties being the two chosen to implement it.

Brooks said the program had been a huge success not only for the senior citizens but the farmer's as well.

He said he would like to see

the county push for additional funding for this program next year.

Upon the recommendation of County Engineer Randy Tindell, the commission awarded the bid for the annual placement of bijnupinus plant mix to Bullard Excavating Company, Inc. of Andalusia.

Bullard submitted the low bid of \$757,986. Other bids submitted included: APAC/Couch Division, Inc. of Andalusia in the amount of \$763,719 and Wiregrass Construction Co. of Atmore in the amount of \$817,877.

Also upon the recommendation of the county engineer, the commission awarded the bid for annual traffic striping to American Road Marking System of Dothan in the amount of \$226,264.75. The only other bid submitted for this project included one from Ozark Striping of Ozark in the amount of \$244,056.

In both bid awards, Tindell reminded the commissioners that these were annual bids, and the quantities were just estimated quantities.

In other business, the commission heard CCC, Page 3

Hydrogeologist tours Dorsey plant



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ALABAMA Hydrogeologist Marlon Cook toured the Dorsey Trailer plant Tuesday morning with company CEO Chris Street, and offered advice to the company on flood and flood damage prevention. Pictured above are Cook, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Senator Jimmy Holley, Street, Representative Terry Spicer and Barbara Gibson, executive director of the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow River Watershed Authority. Street explained the company's interest in this meeting with the following statement: "The biggest enemy we perceive here is not our competition but some of the adverse weather conditions in South Alabama and we are learning to live with it." He continued: "We appreciate Senator Holley and Representative Spicer getting Mr. Cook to talk with us about damage prevention steps rather than having to face disaster recovery."

During New Brockton town council meeting

Digital change approved for police department

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council chose to make some changes to the cellular telephone service for the police department Monday evening, July 2, during its regular scheduled meeting.

In an effort to find a cheaper service plan, Police Chief Jerry Gilbert told council members that he had spoken with several cellular companies concerning plans with weekends and nights off; however, he said it was a digital telephone service company that offered the best value for the town's money.

With the current cellular service, Gilbert said the town is paying a \$155 per month basic fee with anywhere from 1,200 to 1,400 minutes being used each month. Therefore, the cellular bill has been costing more than \$300 per month.

By purchasing two Southern Link digital units, he said the monthly fee would be \$168.90 which includes free nights and weekends with 900 free minutes during the daytime hours.

Gilbert also said there would be a one time initial fee of \$100 added to the monthly fee to get the two units for the department, but he stressed to council members that the additional \$100 was a one-time only fee.

"Most everybody is going to the 800 system which is a digital system," Gilbert said. "I believe this will save us money, and it is a good system."

He said the system would put the police department on the same fleet as the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, as well as Pike County. Also he said he is under the impression that several surrounding cities are in the process of changing over to the digital system.

"We will eventually have to go to it anyway," Gilbert said. "It's cheaper now and will cost us a lot less."

As another added benefit to the digital system, he told council members that this system is strictly a 2-way system and no one will be able to monitor the conversations being conducted.

Council member Jody Stuckey agreed with Gilbert's statement by saying that the digital units cannot be picked up through a scanner, which means if the chief needs to have a private conversation with someone, he can do just that.

"We are going to have to pay someone," Council member Rodger Harrison said. "We might as well pay the cheapest one."

With that statement, he made a motion with a second from Stuckey to allow the police chief to purchase the two units from Southern Link.

Before voting, council member Ron McMonagle said he wanted the department to get the hands-free option as soon as it is available.

"That's a safety feature," he said. "And, we need to be sure

our officers are well-informed to stop when they get phone calls."

After the council approved Harrison's motion, Gilbert told council members he would remove the already existing cellular telephones from the police cars and store them in a secure location for future use if and only if the occasion arises.

In regards to the financial plan, Mayor Charles Cole told council members the town had a total monthly savings of over \$3,000 for the previous month.

He commended the police department for keeping the mileage down on the patrol cars; however, he said tickets have to be turned in within 48 hours so several trips will be required to the courthouse instead of just one to avoid losing tickets because of failure to turn them in within the time allotted.

In his monthly report, Police Chief Gilbert told council members that during the month of June the department had written 20 citations for speeding, four for DUI, one for no driver's license, two for revoked driver's license, one for suspended driver's license, two for a switched tag, one for violation of the seat belt law, five for violation of the insurance law, three for reckless driving, one for attempting to elude, one for improper lights

and one for improper use of sirens.

Grimes noted that board members each had a copy of a letter from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) acknowledging the passing grade on the quality of the Elba water supply.

Following the executive session, the board voted to authorize Grimes to fill the supervisor position from within the department on an temporary basis, allowing the board to review the resources and needs of the department.

The board approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$23,168.43.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox


Monday evening Marlon Cook, of the State Geological Survey, spoke to the Elba City Council and Water and Electric Board members on some passive flood control measures applicable to Elba. Having heard his ideas on this matter before, we were already optimistic that our city fathers would be able to put most, if not all, of his ideas into practice. It is amazing how much positive results can be achieved with only a little bit of prior planning.

It is kinda scary to think about the child who was attacked by a 200-pound shark during the past weekend, right down there on the beaches of the Florida panhandle. To think the shark got the boy when he was in water only about knee deep... his uncle actually wrestled the rogue shark to the shore (and without getting bitten himself)... they were able to pry open the shark's mouth and retrieve the severed arm for reattachment... his aunt administered mouth-to-mouth which is credited with his remaining alive until help arrived... the medical emergency people who did arrive (promptly) knew to get him to the hospital immediately and not try on-the-scene heroics... a good hospital was nearby... expert doctors were in the emergency room... the list goes on and on. We share the opinion of the Elba man who said, "Some folks may make fun of my opinion, but I believe it was God's divine intervention that saved that child's life."

Elba residents are hungry for good news. That was apparent last week when our front page carried the article about the "Jaggy" Dorsey Trainers. Paper sales were brisk, in spite of the July 4th holiday, and several of the stores which sell single copies called in asking for more papers. The message this sends to us... and should send to all community leaders... is what we said originally in the opening sentence... **Elba residents are hungry for good news.** Of course any good politician worth his salt will pick up on that bit of information and try to satisfy their hunger.

Well Coffee County did survive the first phase of the legislative redistricting. Any changes now will come only after some court case overturns the setup on technical grounds. The county remains a single House district, represented by Representative Terry Spicer, and not split up among several lawmakers as many Alabama counties are. The State Senate district still includes all of Coffee and Covington counties and odd parts of Dale and Houston counties, and represented by Elba's Jimmy Holley.

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Ramona Grantham promoted to loan portfolio manager at Elba's Southtrust Bank



Ramona Grantham

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 2, 2001, investigated the following incidents:

one lost cellular telephone, one assault, one criminal mischief, one criminal trespassing, three D.U.I.s, one harassment, two harassing communications, three minor consumption, one rape, one domestic violence, two thefts of property. The following arrests were made: one for criminal trespassing, two for D.U.I., one for assault, four for minor consumption, one for possession of marijuana, four for failure to appear, one for harassment and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, one for reckless driving, one for driver's license not in possession, two for no proof of insurance, two for no driver's license, three for violation of the seat belt law, one for driver's license suspended, one for driver's license revoked and one for open container.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JULY 2 - River stage - 7.08 feet (6.40 a.m.). Alarm activated at NASCO (8:21 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 167N near Pike County line (12:21 p.m.). Hit-and-Run reported at Elba Glass Co. (14:47 p.m.). Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JULY 3 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 14651 Hwy. 87 South (5:19 a.m.). River stage - 6.78 feet (6:39 a.m.). Disturbance reported at 866 Cedar Lane Drive (12:44 p.m.). Attempted burglary reported at 4165 Oak Ave. (12:56 p.m.). Fight reported at a residence off of Cedar Lane Dr. (5:11 p.m.). Alarm activated at 765 N. Claxton Ave. (5:52 p.m.). Possible stolen vehicle reported at car reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (9:26 p.m.). Loud and excessive music reported at

BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP** Courthouse 4th Fl. Tues 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-775-1213.
• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. City Hall.
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - 2nd Monday following city council meeting - City Hall.
• **GRACE ST. PORT GROUP** - Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Family Center Complex @ New Brockton.
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. Senior Office.
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8:15-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House.
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise.
• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room.
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar.
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of July 2, 2001, through July 8, 2001. They were: Nettie Hudson, Louise Halliwell, Gary Ledbetter, Mary Lindsey, Coley Smith, Genesee Rhodes, Beatrice Canley, Lee Reeves, Renae Caswell, Johnny Griffin, Marie Lois Faulk, Dorothy Crowell, Joshua Hughes, Estelle Ramey, Martha Waters, Gwendolyn Rayborn, Vassie Ward, Barbara Moore, Dorothy Crowell, Paul Smart, Gertrude Ennis, Janet Berry, Betty Doherty, Mildred Armstrong, James Morris and Jimmy Morris.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Coley Smith, Louise Halliwell, Beatrice Canley, Mary Lindsey, Gary Ledbetter, Lee Reeves, Johnny Griffin, Renae Caswell, Marie Lois Faulk, Dorothy Crowell, Vassie Ward, Nettie Hudson, Barbara Moore, Genesee Rhodes, Janet Berry, Joshua Hughes, Debbie Morgan, Martha Waters, Gwendolyn Rayborn and Estelle Ramey.

Calvary Baptist Church to host singing Saturday, July 14th in Brantley

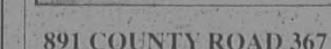
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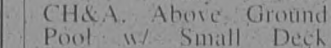
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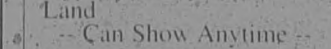
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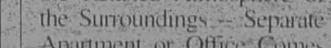
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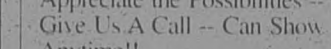
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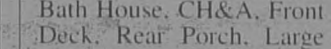
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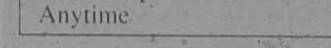
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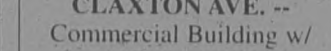
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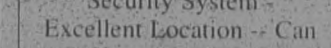


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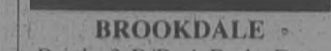
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mission.

Approved a resolution authorizing the commission chairman (Westbrook) to enter into agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of Coffee County Road 428.

Approved a resolution authorizing the commission chairman (Westbrook) to enter into agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of Coffee County Road 610.

Approved the request of the Ben Brewery family to create a family cemetery off Coffee County Road 306. Before approving this item, county administrator Wilson Mobley told commissioners that a sanitary study had been completed by the Coffee County Health Department, and health department officials found no reason not to approve the cemetery.

Upon the request of Commissioner Robert Stephens, approved the sending of a congratulatory letter to any county citizen who reaches their 100th birthday.

Approved the motion of Commissioner Stephens to allow the Joe Senior Citizens Center apply for a bus grant.

Approved the motion of Commissioner Lewis to apply for a grant for a walking trail around the New Hope Senior Citizens Center.

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LIFESTYLES

Jacobs to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary July 22

Harold and Katherine F. Jacobs request the pleasure of your company at their 50th Wedding Celebration on Sunday, July 22, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Community House in Rocky Head Baptist Church on Highway 51 West in Arton, Alabama. Your presence is a treasured gift. We request no other.

Organizational Meeting for Class of 1971 reunion to be held

An organizational meeting for the 30 year reunion for the Class of 1971 of Elba High School will be held in the home of Lucia Grantham on 7-18-01 at 6:00 PM. All interested parties may call 897-5681 for more information. See you there!!

Cancer Support Group to meet at St. Luke's UMC in Enterprise

For those cancer patients seeking help and hope there is a special support group aimed at cancer patients and their families in Coffee County. This support group will provide those who attend the needed answers to make a difference in their lives. It will be the 3rd Tuesday of every month at St. Luke United Methodist Church Fellowship hall in Enterprise at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Charlene Goolsby of Linda at (334) 794-0600.



Edna & Paul Smart

Paul and Edna Smart celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Paul and Edna Smart celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 5, 2001 by renewing their wedding vows. The 2 P.M. ceremony was performed by Rev. Homer Moore, Pastor of First Assembly of God, Elba. Mrs. Rhonda Moore sang "Whither Thou Goest." They exchanged diamond anniversary rings.

Following the ceremony, there was a reception in the Family Life Center of church. Many relatives and friends came

to congratulate the couple.

Paul and Edna spent their "Second Honeymoon" at the Serendipity Bed and Breakfast in historic Thomasville, Georgia. A special gift from their children.

This was followed by an Alaskan Cruise on the M.S. Westerdam and a tour of the city of Vancouver, British Columbia.

LATE DEATH NOTICE

Fred Harper dies at his home on Tuesday.

Mr. Frederic "Fred" Harper Jr., age 73, a lifelong resident of Elba, AL, died at his residence Tuesday afternoon. Graveside services will be held at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba on Thursday, July 12, 2001 at 3:00 P.M. with Dr. Robert Paul and Rev. John I. Baxter officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2:00 until 3:00 P.M. Thursday at Hayes Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Elba Building Fund or Evergreen Cemetery Fund.

Survivors include two brothers and sisters-in-law, John B. Harper Sr. and Gloria Harper of Elba; Will J. Harper Sr. and Tinka Harper of Augusta, SC; an aunt, Helen McVeyre of Enterprise, AL; a cousin, Eva Hammond, of Elba; four nephews and one niece.

NIKI ROGERS, REBECCA WILLIAMS, Savannah Jackson, Mary Katherine Head, Natalie Franklin and Blake Brunson, students of the Dorothy Rainer Sellers School of Dance, recently returned from New York City where they spent two weeks with Mrs. Sellers taking daily classes in tap with some of New York's finest teachers at the steps on Broadway studios. One of the highlights of their visit was mingling with and performing for some of New York's pro tap dancers at "Swing 46," a jazz and supper club on 46th street which schedules weekly Sunday night jam sessions for tappers, which included students from Opp and Elba. The group also visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and the Empire State Building. They saw the Broadway shows, Riverdance on Broadway, 42nd Street, and Cabaret; plus a performance of the New York City Ballet at Lincoln Center.

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Sanders-Wells announce August wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. John Carl Sanders, Rocton, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Aaron Thomas Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wells, Dothan.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. Lamar Tatom and the late Mrs. Margaret Tatom, Brundidge, and Mrs. Virginia Sanders and the late Mr. Marion Sanders, Rocton. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Estelle Sanders, Rocton.

Jennifer is a 1996 graduate of Arton High School and a 2000 graduate of Auburn University where she received a B.S. degree in Agronomy and Soils. She is currently pursuing a M.S. degree at the University of Georgia.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cotton, Dothan, and Mr. and Mrs. Rossie Wells, Dothan. He is the great-grandson of Mrs. Estelle Cheshire, Dothan.

Aaron is a 1996 graduate of Dothan High School and a 2000 graduate of Auburn University where he received a B.S. degree in Agronomy and Soils. He is currently pursuing a M.S. degree at the University of Georgia.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, August 11 at 5:00 p.m. at Rocton Baptist Church. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.



Patrick Danley & Tasha McDonald

MacDonald-Danley to wed Friday, July 27th

Phyllis and Curtis Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Danley announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children Tasha Nicole McDonald and Patrick Danley. The wedding will be an event of July 27, 2001 at the National Security Conference Center at 6:30 p.m. A reception will follow. All friends are invited.

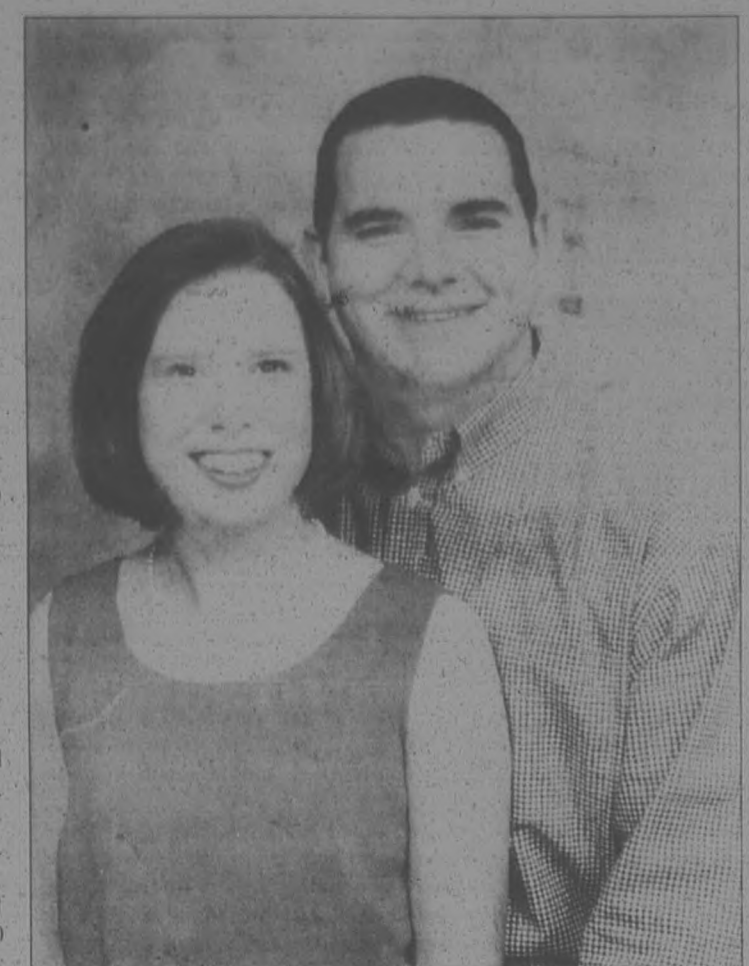


Carol Boylston, new Regent of John Coffee DAR, receiving Regent's pin from Past Regent, Nell Gilmer.

New DAR officers installed

Nell Gilmer, Regent of the John Coffee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, installed new officers recently during a meeting at the home of Carol Boylston, Enterprise. The following were elected to serve for a three-year term: Regent: Carol Boylston, Vice Regent: Nancy Brunson, Secretary: Elsie Hilton, Treasurer: Felicia Metcalf, Registrar: Ann McGlaun, Chaplain/Librarian: Pat Howard, Historian: Nell Gilmer.

The John Coffee DAR Chapter meets bimonthly, September-May. If you are interested in becoming a member of the DAR, please contact Carol Boylston (308-2082) or Ann McGlaun (347-8847).



Miss Sanders & Mr. Wells

Bedsale annual reunion planned for Saturday, July 21

The annual Bedsale reunion will be at the Woodman of the World building, 3148 Highway 52 West in Dothan on Saturday, July 21, beginning at 10 AM. All Bedsale descendants and friends are invited. Bring a dish for lunch. For more information contact Kenneth Bedsale at 334-347-7949 or E-mail at dotken@juno.com.



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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I hate for the phone to ring when I am at home, but since it's almost never for me anyway, I guess the thing for me to do would be to just ignore the one ring and wait until one of the girls grabs the nearest phone. It seems like our youngest gets ninety-percent of the calls, and appears that she can tell by the ring if it's for her, because whenever she answers the phone, she stays on it until we tell her to get off. Hey, maybe if I would cancel call waiting it would ring only once a day!

SWINGS AND MISSES...

*** It has been a successful All-Star season for the various baseball leagues in Elba as every team but two has managed to post at least one win in post-season tournament action.

The Elba Dixie Pre-Major All-Stars had only ten players on their roster, but ignored the heat and tournament pressure to win three games and place second in its District Tournament. This bunch of guys played together during the summer as a team and stuck together to play as a team in the tournament against All-Star teams from other cities and leagues. The ten Elba players never once backed down, however, and gave it all they had in every game to earn a trophy. The second Elba Pre-Major All-Star team was made up of players from Zion Chapel and New Brockton, and while this team failed to get a win, the players and coaches worked hard and also represented the Elba league well. Elba was the only city in the district to place two teams in the District Tournament, and the teams made us mighty proud!

The Elba Dixie Minor League sent two teams over to the Sub-District Tournament in Enterprise and both teams drew praise from their fans and the fans of their opponents for their fine play. The Elba Americans won three games and placed third in the seven-team event, while the Nationals posted one win and scrapped in every inning they played. The Americans won their first two games to move out in the winners bracket, and then defeated Geneva after falling into the losers bracket. The Nationals had the bad luck of playing the Americans in the opening round, but bounced back to oust Samson/Kinston before being ousted by Enterprise. An Elba team has now placed second and third in the Dixie Minor Tournament over the past two seasons, and that came with the league sending two teams instead of loading up one. Not bad at all!

The Elba Dixie Youth League also sent two teams to the Sub-District Tournament down in Geneva, with one team winning the opening night and one team losing. The Americans won 6-0 in their opener over Hartford, while the Nationals fell to Geneva 6-3. The talent in this league is split up among the two All-Star teams, and win or lose it only makes the league stronger when 26 players can experience tournament play instead of just 13 players. This tournament was still underway at press time. So, I'll catch every next week.

*** It has also been a solid All-Star season for the Elba Dixie Girls Fast-Pitch Softball League, with two of the All-Star teams posting at least two wins.

The Dixie Angels, ages 9-10, competed down in Andalusia and posted two wins to place third in the Sub-District Tournament. The girls lost twice to eventual tournament champ Troy, but claimed wins over Opp and Greenville, and showed all in attendance that our girls are willing to i-pake the change to fast-pitch, and are already competitive with surrounding towns.

The Dixie Ponytails, ages 11-12, were still competing over in Greenville at their Sub-District Tournament, and at press time had posted two straight wins after dropping their opening game. This group of girls have also struggled at times with the change to fast-pitch, but scored an average of over 15 runs per game in their first three tournament games, and have wooed all the fans with their hit-rings.

The Dixie Belles, ages 13-15, had one team this season that competed over in Opp, but took their league team to the Sub-District Tournament and gained valuable experience going up against the All-Star team from other towns. It was true that the Elba team was out maimed and dropped two straight games, but this bunch will have to step up and play fast-pitch next season at Elba High, and the experience they gained will pay huge dividends very soon.

*** Sticking with the youth... at will time for youth football season to kick off in just a few weeks, and the Elba Youth Football League will once again join the Tri-County League and compete with teams from Opp, Andalusia, Red Level, Straughn and Florala to make up the six-team league. The league is open to boys and girls ages 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12, and this year there will be weight limits for players in the older two age groups. The change in weight limits means any player can play anywhere on the field, and that no player will be left off because of his weight. It will make a difference in the game, but should add to the excitement. I urge all boys and girls that want to play football or be cheerleaders to sign up as soon as possible. The time is drawing near.

*** It appears to me that the NCAA is having a hard time coming up with a lot of concrete evidence against the Alabama football program, and is having to go back to the same cry babies over and over in its attempt to slap the Crimson Tide program. It is true that some of the Tide's assistant coaches made some trips to visit recruits against university wishes, and it is true that if you look you might find some smoke hanging around the Mike DuBoise era. However, if the case against Alabama was so cut and dried, the NCAA would have already held a press conference and bragged on itself while chastising Alabama. In my opinion the colleges should get together and investigate the NCAA to find out exactly where its loyalties are linked. Hey, without the support of the colleges there would not be an NCAA.

*** In closing... I will admit that I am an Elba Tiger sports fan from way back and am proud to be from the "old school." I also understand that the Elba football program has struggled in recent years and has not posted a winning season for five years. However, I also have a hard time accepting the fact that after this season the Tigers will no longer play Opp, Andalusia, Troy, Geneva and some of its other old rivals in football. Winning is important and helps soothe wounds, but sometimes a team can get more out of a loss to a better opponent than it can from a win over a lesser opponent. It may be true that the Elba Tiger football program is now at the same level with some of the teams on our future schedules, but I will never be able to accept it, and believe that scheduling rivalries is often more important than trying to simply schedule wins.

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Claim three wins

Pre-Majors All-Stars place second

The Elba Dixie Pre-Majors All-Stars competed in the Dixie Pre-Majors District 6 Baseball Tournament last week in Daleville and claimed three wins in five games to claim runner-up honors in the seven team event.

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament with wins over Abbeville 14-7 and Luerne 14-10, but then fell into the losers bracket with a 9-2 loss to Opp. A 9-6 win over Luerne moved the All-Stars into the tournament finals. However, a 6-4 loss to Opp forced the All-Stars to settle for second place in the Elba All-Stars tournament action.

*** The Elba All-Stars exploded for 9 runs in the sixth inning to take command and moved to a wild 14-7 win over Abbeville in the opening round action. A two-run double by Brandon Petty in the top of the second ignited a four-run rally as Elba jumped out to an early 4-0 advantage. The Elba bats went silent after the early outburst, however, and when Abbeville scored four runs in its half of the fifth the score was knotted at 4-4. The Daleville rally seemed to wake up the Elba All-Stars, as Elba plated 9 runs in a wild sixth inning to take the game open and take complete control. A double by Richard Myers ignited the Elba outburst, while Marcus Henderson blasted a grand slam home run, and

Jason Curran followed two batters later with a two-run homer as the All-Stars flexed their muscles at the plate. Abbeville scored two runs in its half of the sixth, but it was too little, too late, as Elba posted the 14-7 win. Brandon Petty, Marcus Henderson and Jason Curran all got 2 hits to lead Elba.

*** The Elba All-Stars rallied to score six runs in the top of the sixth inning to pull even at 6-6, then marched Luerne run-for-run until the ninth inning, when they scored four runs and held on to claim an exciting 14-10 win. Elba managed only four hits over the opening five innings and trailed 6-0 heading into the top of the sixth, but suddenly came to life at the plate and scored six runs to pull even at 6-6. One-out singles by Matthew Curran and Brandon Petty ignited the Elba uprising, while Ralston Moore delivered a two-run double, Marcus Henderson followed with an RBI triple, and Kyle English came through with a key hit as the All-Stars caught Luerne. Marcus Henderson ripped a solo-home-run in the top of the seventh as Elba scored twice to move on top 8-6, but Luerne also plated two runs in its half of the frame to keep the score tied at 8-8. Both teams scored two runs in the eighth to move the score to 10-10. However, the Elba All-Stars put an end to the marathon in the third inning rally as singles by Marcus Henderson and Kyle

English, and a one-out double by Derrick Thomas sparked a four-run rally that gave Elba the upper hand, and the 14-10 win. Brandon Petty got 4 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Marcus Henderson added 3 hits and Ralston Moore and Kyle English both added 1 hit.

*** The Elba All-Stars fell into the losers bracket with a 9-2 loss to Opp in the winners bracket finals. Elba pulled ahead 1-0 in the top of the first on a single by Brandon Petty and an RBI double by Marcus Henderson, but the All-Stars managed only three hits the remainder of the game and scored only once more. Opp pulled ahead 3-1 in the second, and added 3 runs in both the fourth and sixth innings as it pulled away and posted the 9-2 win. Ralston Moore got 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate.

*** The Elba All-Stars kept their tournament title hopes alive with an exciting 9-6 win over Luerne. Lead-off singles by Matthew Curran and Brandon Petty, and a two-run double by Marcus Henderson allowed the All-Stars to jump out to a quick 3-0 lead in the top of the first, only to see Luerne plate five runs in its half of the second to move on top 5-3 after two innings of play. Elba answered with four runs in the top of the third to regain the lead at 7-3, and the sixth inning uprising was sparked by the hitting of Dylan McCollough, Kyle Pope and

Kyle English, and Blake Lambert, while the All-Stars also scored twice in the sixth with an error off the bat of Kyle English being the key to the inning. Richard Myers and Brandon Petty both got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate.

*** The Elba All-Stars carried a 4-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh, only to watch as Opp rallied and scored four runs to claim a 5-4 win to claim the tournament championship. The Elba All-Stars jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second on a sacrifice fly by Rick Smith that scored Kyle English, then upped their lead to 3-0 in the fifth thanks to a single by Richard Myers and two Opp errors. Elba's lead went to 4-0 in the sixth when Rick Smith reached on a fielder's choice and later scored on a passed ball, and the All-Stars still in command as they carried 4-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh. An Opp single and two Elba errors gave Opp hope in the inning, and Opp came through with a key hit with two outs to post the exciting 5-4 win. Matthew Curran, Brandon Petty and Richard Myers all got 1 hit to lead Elba.

*** The Elba All-Stars included Matthew Curran, Brandon Petty, Ralston Moore, Marcus Henderson, Kyle English, Jason Curran, Rick Smith, Derrick Thomas, Blake Lambert and Richard Myers, and was coached by Rob Curran.

Claim three big wins in tournament

Elba Dixie Minor Americans place third

The Elba Dixie Minor American League All-Stars traveled to Enterprise last week to compete in the Dixie Minor Sub-District 3 Baseball Tournament and placed third in five games to claim third in the seven-team event.

The Americans opened the tournament with wins over the Elba Nationals 14-5 and The Enterprise Americans 10-9, but then slipped into the losers bracket with a 5-2 loss to the Troy Americans. The All-Stars stayed alive with a 5-2 win over Geneva, but then were eliminated with a 6-3 loss to the Enterprise Nationals.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

*** The Elba Americans jumped out to an early 9-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Elba Nationals 14-5 win over the Elba Nationals. Four walks and a hit batter allowed the Americans to jump out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, while a two-run double by Jamison Baker enabled the All-Stars to stretch their lead to 5-0 in the second. A lead-off single by Justin Winters and back-to-back doubles by Jordan McBride and Brandon Byrd helped the Americans up their lead to 7-0 in the third, while Kyle Pope and Bradley Wilson both pitched to preserve the exciting 10-9 win. Getting one hit for the Americans were Jordan McBride, Dylan McCollough, Drew Ellis, Bradley Wilson and Ashley Sanders.

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Robbie Thrash, all with key singles. Justin Winters got 2 hits to lead the Americans at the plate, while Jordan McBride, Brandon Byrd, Robbie Thrash and Jamison Baker all added 1 hit.

*** The Elba Americans pushed across five runs in the third inning to grab the lead and held on late to down the Enterprise Americans 10-9. Enterprise scored five runs in the top of the first to grab a quick lead, but the Elba All-Stars bounced right back and plated five runs of their own to pull even at 5-5 after a wild opening inning! The Elba Americans took advantage of five walks to keep runners on base in the first inning uprising, while Dylan McCollough delivered a two-run double.

The American League All-Stars failed to score in the second, but plated five more runs in the third to move on top 10-7. A double by Jordan McBride ignited the Elba rally, while back-to-back two-out singles by Bradley Wilson and Drew Ellis helped the Americans regain the lead. The Enterprise Stars scored once in the fourth and once in the sixth to pull within 10-9, but Elba's Richard Cooks struck out the final Enterprise batter to preserve the exciting 10-9 win. Getting one hit for the Americans were Jordan McBride, Dylan McCollough, Drew Ellis, Bradley Wilson and Ashley Sanders.

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McBride in the opening two innings, but scored two runs and carried a 2-0 lead into the bottom of the third. The Elba Americans cut the lead in half at 2-1 in their half of the third when Drew Ellis reached on an error and later scored on a passed ball, but watched as Troy plated three runs on only one hit in the fifth to grab a big 5-1 advantage. Elba's Bradley Wilson reached on a two-out walk and scored on a wild pitch as the Americans pulled within 5-2 in the bottom of the fifth, but it was the final run the All-Stars could muster as Troy held on and posted the 5-2 win. Justin Winters got the only Elba hit in the game.

*** The Elba Americans bounced back from their first loss of the tournament by outslugging Geneva 5-2. Elba jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Gavin Flowers reached on an error and later scored on a wild pitch, then upped its lead to 2-0 in the second when Robbie Thrash singled and later scored on an RBI double by Bradley Wilson. The Americans continued to add to their lead in the third as the All-Stars plated two runs to take a 4-0 advantage! Walks to D.J. McKee, Jamison Baker and Gavin Flowers ignited the Elba uprising, while the key hit was a two-run single by Jordan McBride. Geneva scored twice in the fourth to cut the Elba lead to 4-2, but the Elba Americans added a lone run in their half of the fifth to make the final 5-2. The final Elba run came when Bradley Wilson reached on an

error, moved to third on walks to Ashley Sanders and D.J. McKee, and crossed the plate when Gavin Flowers was hit by a pitch. Jordan McBride, Dylan McCollough, Robbie Thrash and Bradley Wilson all got 1 hit for the All-Stars.

*** The Elba Americans saw their tournament trail reach an end when they were eliminated by the Enterprise Nationals 6-3. Enterprise jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Elba Americans refused to fold and bounced right back in their half of the inning and scored one run to pull within 3-1. The Elba run came when Bradley Wilson got a one-out single and later scored on an error. The Elba Americans trailed 6-1 heading into the bottom of the fifth, but once again rallied and scored twice to cut the Enterprise lead in half at 6-3. Drew Ellis and Dylan McCollough both reached base with two outs, and both raced home when Bradley Wilson followed with a clutch two-run double! The All-Stars threatened to score in the second, but drew Enterprise lead in the bottom of the first when Gavin Flowers reached on an error and later scored on a wild pitch, then upped its lead to 2-0 in the second when Robbie Thrash singled and later scored on an RBI double by Bradley Wilson. The Americans continued to add to their lead in the third as the All-Stars plated two runs to take a 4-0 advantage! Walks to D.J. McKee, Jamison Baker and Gavin Flowers ignited the Elba uprising, while the key hit was a two-run single by Jordan McBride. Geneva scored twice in the fourth to cut the Elba lead to 4-2, but the Elba Americans added a lone run in their half of the fifth to make the final 5-2. The final Elba run came when Bradley Wilson reached on an



Elba Dixie Minor National League All-Star coach Dale Stinson watches action at the plate as Ethan Mount prepares to circle the bases. The Nationals posted one win last week at the Dixie Minor Sub-District 3 Baseball Tournament, in Enterprise.

Elba Dixie Minor Nationals claim one win at Sub-District tourney

The Elba Dixie Minor National League All-Stars competed last week in Enterprise in the Dixie Minor Sub-District 3 Baseball Tournament and claimed one win in three games in the seven-team event.

The National League Stars opened the tournament with a 14-5 loss to the Elba Americans, but bounced back and defeated Samson/Kinston 6-4 before being ousted by the Enterprise Nationals 19-9.

Following are highlights of last week's tournament action:

*** The Elba Nationals opened the tournament against the Elba Americans and came out on the short end of a 14-5 decision. The Nationals struggled early in the mound and allowed the Americans to jump out to a 9-0 fourth inning lead, but then settled down and scored one run in their half of the fourth and plated four runs in the fifth to pull within 9-5. The lone run in the fourth came when Ethan Mount led off with a single and later scored on a wild pitch, while the four-run outburst in the fifth was sparked by a two-run double by Hayden Gibson, and an RBI single by Drew Little. The rally was cut short as the Americans scored five runs in the sixth and the Nationals came out on the short end of the 14-5 decision. Ethan Mount, Matt Brunson, Hayden Gibson, Drew Little and Justin Griswold all got 1 hit for the Nationals.

*** The Elba Nationals scored the first four runs of the game and the final two runs of the game to pull out an exciting 6-4 win over Samson/Kinston. The Nationals came out ready to play in the bottom of the first and plated three runs to grab a quick 3-1 lead. An RBI triple by Hayden Smith ignited the early uprising, while Matt Brunson and Joe Davis also added key hits to help the Nationals grab the lead. The National League All-Stars added a run in the second on a single by Lance Walden and an RBI single by Justin Griswold to move on top 4-1, only to see the team the Samson/Kinston league rally and pull even at 4-4 in the top of the fourth. The Nationals loaded the bases in their half of the fifth on three walks, and then scored the winning runs when David Stinson came through with a two-out single that drove in both Justin

Griswold and Trey Knight. Matt Brunson and Joe Davis both got 2 hits to lead the Nationals at the plate, while David Stinson, Hayden Smith, Hayden Gibson, Lance Walden and Justin Griswold all added 1 hit.

*** The Elba Nationals came out hitting and scored nine runs over the opening three innings, but then failed to score in their next two at-bats and were eliminated from the tournament as the Enterprise Nationals posted a wild 19-9 win. The Nationals came out ready to run and surprised the Enterprise Stars by jumping out to a quick 2-0 advantage. Lead off walks to Ethan Mount and David Stinson keyed the early rally, while the big hit in the frame was a two-run single by Garrett Stinson. The Nationals trailed 7-2 by the time they came back to the plate in the top of the second, but never backed down and plated six runs to regain the lead 8-7. Three walks and a hit batter helped the National League Stars, but Drew Little, Ethan Mount and David Stinson all delivered clutch two-out hits as the All-Stars circled the bases and regained the lead. The National League Stars trailed 10-8 when they got back to the dugout to bat in the third, and once again showed their defensive power as they scored one run to pull within 10-9. One-out singles by Matt Brunson and Joe Davis sparked the rally, while Brunson scored on a wild pitch. The Nationals managed only one hit over the final two innings and failed to score another run, but Enterprise never slowed down and the plate and added nine runs to its total to post the 19-9 win. David Stinson got 2 hits to lead the Elba Nationals at the plate, while Ethan Mount, Garrett Stinson, Matt Brunson, Joe Davis, Hayden Gibson, Lance Walden, Drew Little, Solomon Harris, Justin Griswold, Trey Knight and Kendal Chapel. The coaches were Tommy Gibson, Dale Stinson and Kevin Smith.

Ritchey leads Oak Mountain High to Class 5A state championship

Sarah Beth Ritchey, granddaughter of Olive Ray and Shorty Martin, daughter of Anna and Joe Ritchey and niece of Terry and Larry Miller and Will and Melanie Martin, played third base for the 2001 Class 5A Fast-Pitch Softball State Champion team from Oak Mountain High School in North Shelby County, Alabama.

As a freshman, Sarah Beth led her Oak Mountain team in runs batted in (RBIs) and triples. Sarah Beth's 49 RBIs placed her second in the Birmingham metropolitan area and her 8 triples tied her for first place in the Birmingham metropolitan area. In addition, she finished the season with a batting average of .306, scored 33 runs and had 55 hits, including 1 home run. The Birmingham News awarded Sarah Beth honorable mention at third base on the All-

State Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team for Class 5-A and for the All-Metro Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team.

Academically, Sarah Beth finished her freshman year with a 3.5 average. Sarah Beth will serve as Sophomore Class Secretary at Oak Mountain High School during the 2001-2002 school year.

This summer Sarah Beth is playing third base for an ASA travelling fast pitch softball team named, Invasion. Recently, Invasion won the second in the Colorado 2001 Tri-County ASA Softball Invitational Tournament held June 15-17 in Castle Rock, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. Sarah Beth, age 15, is a strong Christian and is very active in her church. She and her brother, Joseph, age 11, love to visit Gammie and Granddad in Elba.



SARAH BETH RITCHEY

Summer workouts underway at Zion Chapel High School

Summer workout sessions for student-athletes at Zion Chapel High School will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Zion Chapel gym. Work-outs for girls will be from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, while work-outs for boys will be from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. All student-athletes should attend these important summer work-outs.

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Jesse & Morgan Oglesby attended a Taekwondo Tournament in Fort Walton Beach, Florida on April 28th. They are both red belts and competed with their age groups (Jesse - 11 & 12 years old, Morgan - 7 & 8 years old). Jesse won 1st Place in Form and 1st Place in Sparring. Morgan won 1st Place in Form and 3rd Place in Sparring. Way to go guys. Always remember, you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Jesse and Morgan are the children of Greg and Arlene Oglesby of Elba.

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Dairy Queen Golf Classic to benefit Children's Miracle Network hospitals in area

On Thursday, July 26, Dairy Queen will host its second annual golf classic to benefit area Children's Miracle Network hospitals at the Robert Trent Jones Trail (Cambrion Ridge), in Greenville. Registration begins at 10:30.

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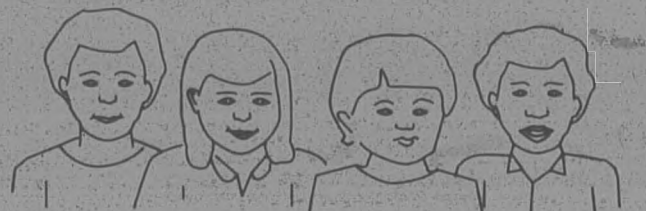
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Jumpstart Kindergarten planned for Elba Elementary July 30 and 31

Elba Elementary School will be holding Jumpstart Kindergarten on Monday, July 30th and Tuesday, July 31st from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Jumpstart is for kindergartners who will be attending Elba Elementary for the 2001-2002 school year. If your child did not attend Elba Elementary for the 2000-2001 school year and you are planning for them to attend for the 2001-2002 school year but have not filled out registration paperwork, please come by the office to do so. In order to register a student for school you must bring a copy of the student's social security card, and an up-to-

NOTICE:
Look for Elba Elementary School's Supply List (Grades K-6) for the 2001-2002 School Year next week in The Elba Clipper.



Elba Elementary School partnership with Coffee County Extension Office held Summer School titled "Soar Into Summer" for students in third through sixth grades. "Soar Into Summer" began on June 4 and ended on June 28. The purpose of the Summer School was to do remedial work with the students in the areas of reading and math; however, the students and teachers have had many valuable and enjoyable experiences above and beyond the subject areas. At the beginning of Summer School each student submitted a piece of art to go along with the "Soar Into Summer" theme. One piece of art was selected to be the design for the Summer School T-shirt. Tamiann Parker was the winner of the T-shirt design competition. T-shirts were printed for each student and were worn on their field trip to the movie Allams on June 27. A pizza party was the culminating activity for "Soar Into Summer." School officials said they feel "Soar Into Summer" was a great success and beneficial for all involved.

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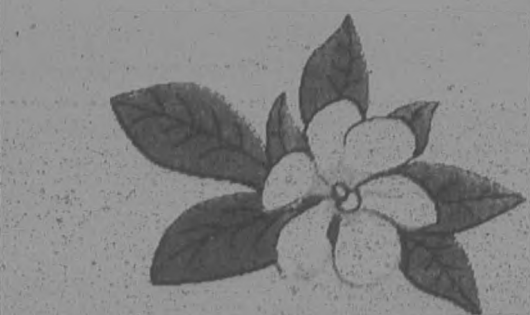
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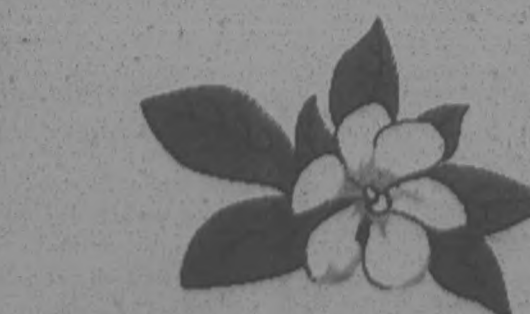


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Elba Firefighters participating in the recent Firemanship 1 course were (from left) kneeling - George Homyak and Timmy Richards; standing - Danny Jordan - instructor, Gappa Wise, J.C. Smith, Wesley DeVane, Greg Sowell, Benny Wilkerson and Michael Adcock. Also participating but not pictured were Tim Roubidoux and Keith Rushing.

Firefighters complete Firemanship 1 course

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The firefighters of the Elba Fire Department continuously search for ways of improving their service to the people, and recently several of the firefighters have done just that.

10 firefighters of the Elba Fire Department, as well as some from the departments of Ino and 5-Star, have just recently completed a Firemanship 1 course.

The course was taught by Danny Jordan, an Elba volunteer fireman and certified instructor for the Alabama State Fire College.

"The Firemanship 1 course really stresses safety," Jordan said. "We want to get them (firefighters) to realize that the safer they are, and the more they know about fire, the easier it will be for them to handle what comes before them."

He said the course is a basic beginners course which covers topics to enhance the firefighters overall knowledge of what a fire department consists of and how it operates.

Topics covered during the course duration included fire behavior, building construction, personal protective equipment, rescue and extrication, forcible entry, ventilation and safety.

"Fire is not just hot," said Jordan. "It burns for a reason. If you learn how it starts, you learn how to stop it."

Every building is different, and Jordan said the firefighters spent time learning about the different locks, doors and structures they may one day be asked to enter.

"When firefighters reach the scene of a fire, they are entering a situation that is out of control," he said. "Our goal is to be prepared so we can take control of what is out of control and put the fire out."

With the Elba Fire Department being a volunteer fire department, Jordan said the firemen were not required to take the course, but it was a good way for the firemen who did participate to learn better ways of handling situations through their increased knowledge about the department, its equipment and the situations they may be asked to cope with during a fire.

"We are trained and trying to do a good job for the people," said Elba Fire Chief Larry Goodson. "It may not look like we're doing a good job all the time, but we are always working to improve our fire service."

With annual training such as the Firemanship 1 course, Jordan said the Elba Fire Department is better qualifying itself to assist the people in need.

After all, he said the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission says it best with the remark, "When a community improves its fire protection, everyone benefits."

Jordan said a Firemanship 2 course will be taught at the Elba Fire Department in the upcoming months, and he hopes to have even more participation with this course. Whereas the Firemanship 1 course was more of a knowledge course, he said the Firemanship 2 course will be more hands-on and should give the firefighters a better "feel" of how things can be done.

Maddie's Fund designed to help control pet population

As many as 40,000 Alabama cats and dogs may be eligible for a new spay/neuter program offered through the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) with the cooperation of the Alabama Humane Federation, the Alabama Animal Control Association, and a program called Maddie's Fund.

Thanks to a grant, low-income pet owners in the state may take advantage of drastically discounted spay/neuter programs that will be offered. As goals are achieved, Maddie's Fund will make approximately \$2.5 million available for the project over the next two years.

Through this program, a Medicaid-eligible family will qualify for this veterinary service at the low cost of \$5 per cat or \$10 per dog, with a limit of six animals per household.

The eligible pet owner can simply make an appointment with one of the participating doctors for the cat or dog to have the surgery done at the spot.

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Area Happenings

DIABETES SEMINAR The Alabama Cooperative Extension System/Coffee Office and Medical Center Enterprise will sponsor a Diabetes Seminar on Thursday, July 19, from 10:30 a.m. until 12 Noon in the Community Room at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The seminar will be presented by Robert E. Hambough Jr., MD, and is free to the public.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting on Monday, July 23, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room of the County Complex in New Brockton.

ZION CHAPEL LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL Football registration for Zion Chapel's little league program will be held Monday, July 23, and Tuesday, July 24, from 5-7 p.m. at the Zion Chapel Schools.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION Elba High School 7th Grade Orientation will be Thursday, July 26, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish lunch accounts. Also, the students will have an opportunity to visit their classrooms. PLEASE SEE Page 3 for further Elba High School information.

Coffee County BOE meeting held Ingram accepts superintendent's job

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held its first meeting Thursday morning, July 12, under the helm of new superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram.

Board chairman Charles Walker began the meeting by officially announcing that Ingram had accepted the position as superintendent of the Coffee County School System.

Thursday, July 12, was her first official day as superintendent.

"Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as superintendent," said Ingram. "I am thrilled and I promise I'll do my best."

On that note, the new superintendent and board members began their first meeting together.

Ingram began by making board members aware of the need for a budget amendment due to federal and state funding allocations received after the original budget was set. She said the increase in gasoline prices made the budget amendment necessary to reflect costs.

The board voted unanimously to approve the budget amendment.

A couple of bids were awarded by the board.

The board had previously accepted bids for bread and bakery service for the school system.

Walker asked if the bid indicated whether or not the paper was import or domestic. He said he had just recently become

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SECRETS OF THE TRADE... The name Ronald McKinnon is well recognized in Elba and Coffee County, especially when the subject is football. McKinnon, a defensive linebacker for the Arizona Cardinals in the National Football League (NFL), began his football career in Elba as he played for the youth football leagues. Later, he was a high school standout for the Elba Tigers, and then continued his success on the collegiate level at the University of North Alabama. Today, McKinnon remains a football standout as a member of the Cardinals organization, but he has not forgotten about home. Last Saturday, July 14, McKinnon returned home to Elba as host of the 3rd Annual Ronald McKinnon Football Camp. The camp was open to all players of any age as McKinnon and other area coaches helped local youngsters improve their fundamental skills for the game of football. Above, McKinnon (left) works one-on-one with some of the participants of this year's camp. For more information on the Ronald McKinnon Football Camp, please see Page 9.

Citizens urged to beware of mosquito bites

Residents of south and central Alabama are urged to take measures to avoid mosquito bites. According to the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, horses in Baldwin, Covington and Geneva counties of Alabama have been diagnosed with Eastern Equine Encephalitis or EEE. In addition, the Florida Department of Agriculture has reported that horses in three Florida counties bordering Alabama have been diagnosed with EEE. The Alabama Department of Public Health urges residents to take the following precautions:

Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are likely to be looking for blood meals. If you must go outdoors when mosquitoes are active, cover up by wearing shoes, socks, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts. Tight colored clothing is better.

Use mosquito repellent. Eliminate stagnant water in birdbaths and any other receptacles in which mosquitoes might breed. Repellents containing the compound DEET are most effective; however, repellents with high concentrations of DEET (over 10 percent) should not be used on children. Follow instructions on the label. Mosquitoes breed in standing water. To prevent the spread of mosquitoes: Empty all water from cans, jars, buckets, drums, plastic wading pools and other unused containers or turn them over when not in use. Drain and clean saucers under outdoor plant containers, pet watering dishes and bird baths at least twice a week. Clean clogged roof gutters and repair leaky pipes and outside faucets so that water does not collect. Maintain screens on doors and windows so that mosquitoes cannot enter the home. Dispose of old automobile tires.

EEE is a viral disease spread by mosquitoes. EEE infection can cause a range of illnesses in humans. Most people have no symptoms; others get only a mild flu-like illness with fever, headache and sore throat. Only rarely do people get encephalitis.

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WELCOME TO NEW BROCKTON... The Town of New Brockton shared the outcome of about three months of work with the community Friday morning, July 13, with the unveiling of the new welcome signs along U.S. Highway 84. The development of the welcome signs was overseen by the New Brockton Beautification Committee, and this project is just one of the many ways the committee continues to show its commitment to improving the Town of New Brockton. Whatley Brick Company of Dothan donated the bricks for the project. The gamecocks on each side of the sign were painted by Edwin Fox, a 15-year-old student at New Brockton High School, and the sign was painted by Charles Dowling. Present for the Friday morning sign unveiling were (from left): New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole, Edwin Fox, Virginia Dowling - New Brockton Beautification Committee, Barbara Cole and New Brockton Police Chief Jerry Gilbert. The signs can be seen at the town limit on Hwy. 84 as travelers come from Elba or Enterprise.